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| For:             | ESTABLISHING A SECURE<br>PRIVATE CORPORATE NE<br>NETWORK | )<br>)<br>)            |                 |
| Examiner:        | Courtney D. Fields                                       |                        | )               |
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## **AMENDMENT "B"**

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## Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of June 28, 2004 (paper no. 6), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity) Applicant(s): Michael Kramer et al.  |  |                          |  |                 | Docket No.<br>13768.154 |                       |  |  |
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